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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN MALAYSIA

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN MALAYSIA. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. EXPANSION OF MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR U.S. POLICIES
ON REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

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-- REASSURE THE GOVERNMENT THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO
BE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PEACE AND STABILITY
OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THAT OUR PRESENCE IS COMPATIBLE WITH
THE MALAYSIAN CONCEPT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND
NEUTRALITY.

-- COMMUNICATE THE U.S. VIEW ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO

US IN INTERNATIONAL FORA IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MALAYSIAN SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT MALAYSIA WILL NOT TAKE POSITIONS WHICH BRING IT INTO OPEN CONFLICT WITH THE NONALIGNED OR ISLAMIC BLOCS.

.. ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FOR U.S. INDIAN OCEAN POLICY AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR U.S. NAVAL DEPLOYMENTS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

-- ENCOURAGE THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO ACCEPT FREE TRANSIT OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEST MALAYSIAN DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

-- INDICATE THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BE RESPONSIVE IN ASSISTING THE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP A MODEST DEFENSE CAPABILITY THROUGH APPROPRIATE FMS FINANCING OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND THROUGH THE IMET MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM.

III. MAINTENANCE OF A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

-- MAINTAIN U.S. ACCESS TO MALAYSIAN NATURAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY TIN AND RUBBER (FOR EACH OF WHICH MALAYSIA
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IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER AND THE U.S. THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONSUMER).

-- MAINTAIN A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR EXPANDING U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRADE, BOTH BILATERALLY AND WITHIN THE ASEAN CONTEXT.

-- CREATE GREATER UNDERSTANDING BY THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT OF U.S. POSITIONS RELATING TO THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES SUCH AS TRADE, COMMODITIES, ENERGY AND MULTILATERAL CORPORATIONS.

IV. REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC THROUGH MALAYSIA.

-- SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO HALT THE USE OF MALAYSIA FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

V. CONTINUED MALAYSIA ASYLUM FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEES.

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE TO PERMIT THE
USE OF MALAYSIA AS A COUNTRY OF POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.

VI. ENHANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ENVIRONMENT IN
MALAYSIA.

-- KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE
WHICH THE U.S. ATTACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS. END TEXT.

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